* Dr. Pegge (commonly called Old Pegge) died 14th. February 1796, in his 92d year.

This very rare volume, of which no other copy is known to exist, was purchased by Mr. Chalmers, at Dr. Pegge's* sale, in 1796. It was then unbound, as it had been neglected by the Doctor, who was unaware of its great value.
By an oversight of Mr. Malone, and a singular mistake of Mr. Stevens, Mr. Chalmers obtained it easily for £3. 15. 6, without much competition, and Stevens was enraged to find that it had gone for less than a fifth of what he would have given for it.

This play was written by Christopher Marlowe, but until the discovery of this volume, among Dr. Pegge's stores, in 1796, all the Commentators on Shakspeare were unaware that it had been printed in 1595. Without seeing this, Mr. Malone showed, pretty evidently that Shakspeare's third part of King Henry VI had been borrowed from a previous work of Christopher Marlowe. (See Malone's Shakspeare, Ed. 1790, Vol. i, p. 279-282, and Vol. VI p. 381